

KNOCKED OFF THE DREDGE

Blow from Wire Cable Causes Man to Drown.

STUART IN PETERSBURG

Over Two Thousand People Go to Hear Him: Col. Burgwyn to Dredge the Appomattox—Narrow Escape from Death.

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The Stocked-Myers Hardware Company will build a warehouse on Perry Street to be used in connection with their business.

The bids for building the hotel at Symcamore and East Tabb Streets, in this city, will be opened this week and the contract awarded.

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The last election of a Town Council was held on May 2, 1931. This election was of exceptional local interest. The Council elected at that time was composed of Messrs. W. H. McConkies, J. E. McMillin, W. O. Turner, C. W. Rush, J. R. McMillin, and T. P. Cover. At the same time Mr. L. T. Dickey was chosen mayor.

In the fall of 1931, under a new charter, the town was divided into two wards. This charter provided that each ward should have one member in the Town Council. In order to make up this number two members were added—Mr. J. S. Ham, from the First Ward, and Mr. G. R. Hicks, from the Second.

On account of failing health Mr. McMillin soon resigned from the Council, and Mr. J. W. Payne was appointed to fill the vacancy thus made. Several months ago Mr. Dickey resigned as mayor, and Mr. T. P. Cover, as his successor, his place on the Council being filled by Mr. M. M. Collins.

In addition to the names of candidates for the county of Virginia, which was held last week that of Mr. William E. Allen, of Covington, is presented as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney. Mr. C. A. Kincaid, also of this place, announced himself a candidate for the office of sheriff.

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THE CHURCH AND SALOON

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RAILROADING CRIMINALS

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He referred to the liquor license agitation in South Norfolk and to the charges that the ministers have made concerning the suppression of the anti-saloon paper there. There is a great deal of comment as to the statement of the judge "in our midst," who will be compelled to explain.

JUSTICE QUICK AND HARSH. In the Police and Corporation Courts here there is not much delay in criminal judgments. There was an instance last week of a negro man arrested one day and sentenced to the penitentiary for twenty years on the day following.

The Commonwealth's Attorney follows the train of cases brought to the Police to the Corporation Court so closely that no man has any complaint that he can't have a speedy trial. The appeals are attended to within a few days, often the same or the next day after the appearance of the case.

Justice Taylor runs the Police Court on the theory that rigorous justice decreases crime. There were two cases of concealed weapons this morning. One, that of a colored woman, who was fined \$10 and costs for threatening to carry a razor, for carrying a razor. The other was the case of a negro man who was fined \$10 and costs for carrying a pistol and sent to jail for twelve months for shooting with intent to kill. There must be some efficiency in the heavy fines for concealed weapons because there is a notable decline in the practice of carrying them. Few white men carry weapons, and there is a decrease in the number of razors found among the negroes who are arrested. Justice has been quick and harsh.

APPOINTMENT DELAYED. Judge Hancock, of the Corporation Court, had the appointment of the corner for the place Dr. Odendahl. But he will not appoint another man as corner until the fact is definitely settled that Dr. Odendahl has resigned or abandoned the place. Just now he is not sure of it. Dr. Odendahl might return and declare that he wished to retain his office and give some satisfactory reason for absence. But after several weeks' unexplained absence there will be no room for doubt. Dr. Odendahl will return or he should return. Meantime, there are nine or more applicants for the corner, all of whom are confident that Dr. Odendahl will never return to the corner.

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The present officers of the association are as follows: President—Miss Sadie Heath Cabaniss, of Richmond, Va.

First vice-president—Miss Fannie Besley, superintendent of the University of Virginia Hospital.

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Third vice-president—Miss Mae I. White, superintendent of St. Andrew's Home, Lynchburg.

Recording secretary—Miss Elizabeth Webb, a graduate of the Old Dominion Hospital, Richmond.

Corresponding secretary—Miss W. Glasgow, a graduate of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Treasurer—Miss Agnes D. Randolph, superintendent of the Virginia Hospital, Richmond.

WAS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTE C. H., VA., May 18.—A telegram was received here this morning from Hudson, N. Y., stating that Tom Moseley and Charles Clarke have been arrested for the murder of Bob Logan on April 13th, near Randolph, Va. J. H. Price, sheriff of this county, will leave for the prisoners to-morrow, awaiting requisition papers from the Governor of Virginia on the Governor of New York. This is the beginning of the unraveling of one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in the county. It will be remembered this is the murder that occurred while a party of four, the negroes attending C. Hallfax, partaking too freely of the hospitality. They left on the evening of the 13th to return to their homes in Charlotte, and while crossing their home in the river, and he was not discovered until last week.

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